

BILL NO. 85-1
AS AMENDED

COUNTY COUNCIL
OF
HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND

BILL NO. 85-1 (AS AMENDED)

Introduced by Council President Hardwicke at the
request of the County Executive

Legislative Day No. 85-2 Date January 15, 1985

AN EMERGENCY ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments Chapter 8A, heading, Electricity, of the Harford County Code, as amended; to provide for the adoption of the 1984 National Electrical Code; to provide for a restructured Board of Electrical Examiners; to provide for the uniform licensing of electricians in Harford County; to provide penalties for violations of the chapter; and generally relating to electrical installations in Harford County.

By the Council, January 15, 1985

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted and public hearing scheduled
on: February 12, 1985
at: 7:00 P.M.

By Order: Angela Markowski, Secretary

PUBLIC HEARING

Having been posted and notice of time and place
of hearing and title of Bill having been published according to the
Charter, a public hearing was held on February 12, 1985
and concluded on February 12, 1985.

Angela Markowski, Secretary

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from
existing law. Underlining indicates language
added to Bill by amendment. Language lined
through indicates matter stricken out of Bill
by amendment.

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1 Section 1. And Be It Enacted By The County Council of Harford
2 County, Maryland, that Chapter 8A, heading, Electricity, be, and
3 it is hereby repealed in its entirety and re-enacted with
4 amendments, all to read as follows:

5 Section 8A-1. Scope and Applicability of Chapter.

6 (a) Except as otherwise provided, the provisions of this
7 chapter shall apply to all electrical equipment and the installa-
8 tion thereof IN THE COUNTY for light, heat [or] OR, power, ~~OR-LOW~~
9 ~~ENERGY-WIRING~~ within or on public or private buildings, structures
10 or premises, including yards, carnivals and parking lots and
11 industrial substations, and all electrical equipment and those
12 other items, equipment and installations covered by the duly
13 adopted edition of the National Electrical Code [; except, that
14 extensions, modifications or additions to any existing raceway,
15 cable, wiring conductor or panel that is to be completed by a
16 person duly licensed under the provisions of this chapter are
17 exempt from the electrical permit requirements only, as otherwise
18 required by this chapter].

19 (b) The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to any
20 electrical work or equipment [installed by or for any electric
21 company, telegraph or telephone company, where such electrical
22 work or equipment is owned and maintained by such company and is
23 an integral part of the plant or service used by such company in
24 rendering its service to the public] OF ANY UTILITY THAT IS
25 REGULATED BY THE MARYLAND PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.

26 (c) The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to
27 installations in ships [or], railway cars, or [to] automobiles.
28 [equipment.]

29 (d) The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to
30 installations or equipment [employed by] OF the United States
31 government.
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1 Section 8A-2. Rules and Regulations.

2 The Director [may recommend] SHALL ADOPT written rules and
3 regulations for the administration [of the provisions] of this
4 chapter. [Such] Rules and regulations and amendments thereto
5 shall not conflict with or waive any provisions of this chapter or
6 be less restrictive than its provisions and shall become effective
7 upon their adoption [by the County] in accordance with procedures
8 set forth in Section 807 of the Charter.

9 Section 8A-3. National Electrical Code adopted.

10 (a) The National Electrical Code, [1981] 1984 Edition,
11 including all appendices, as adopted by the National Fire
12 Protection Association, Electrical Section, is hereby adopted as
13 the Harford County Electrical Code, and it is incorporated by
14 reference [thereto] HERETO and is made a part of this chapter with
15 the same force and effect as though set out in full herein, save
16 and except such changes, amendments, revisions, deletions, substi-
17 tutions and additions as are specified [in this chapter] . All
18 electrical installations in Harford County and all ELECTRICAL
19 equipment used in Harford County shall meet the standards and
20 requirements set forth by the National Electrical Code and this
21 chapter, AND all rules and regulations. [established in accordance
22 with the Harford County Charter or this chapter.]

23 (b) EXCEPTION TO 1984 ELECTRICAL CODE. IN HARFORD COUNTY
24 ALUMINUM CONDUCTORS OF NUMBER 10 AWG AND SMALLER ARE NOT
25 PERMITTED.

26 Section 8A-4. Administration and Enforcement [of Chapter].

27 This chapter shall be administered and enforced by the
28 Department of Inspections, Licenses and Permits, hereinafter
29 referred to as the "Department."

30 Section 8A-5. Right of Entry of Departmental Personnel.

31 The Director or [his] AN authorized representative, upon
32 exhibiting proper credentials or proof of identity on request,

1 [shall have] HAS the right to enter any building, structure or
2 premises, except private residences, without consent of the
3 occupants, at any time during business or operating hours and at
4 such other times as may be necessary in any emergency that
5 immediately endangers life, property or public safety, for the
6 purpose of [performing duties under this chapter or enforcing the
7 provisions thereof.] ENFORCING THIS CHAPTER. In the case of
8 multiple dwellings, the Director or [his] AN authorized
9 representative [shall have] HAS the right to enter without consent
10 only those spaces to which the public is ordinarily admitted, such
11 as hallways, basements and similar spaces, provided that [such
12 authorities] THE DIRECTOR OR AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE may
13 enter any private residence or dwelling for the purpose of
14 enforcing this chapter with the consent of the occupants [thereof]
15 or without such consent if [they shall first obtain] THE DIRECTOR
16 OBTAINS [a] AN ADMINISTRATIVE search warrant in accordance with
17 prescribed legal procedure, or if there is [a present emergency,
18 such as a fire, explosion or the like, or immediately following
19 such] emergency PRESENT.

20 Section 8A-6. Unlawful Maintenance of Installations.

21 (a) In the case of any electrical installation for which a
22 permit is required under this chapter, it shall be unlawful for
23 any person to maintain or allow to be maintained such electrical
24 installation if it was installed after July 22, 1977, without a
25 permit and does not conform to the requirements of this chapter.

26 (b) IN THE CASE OF ANY EXISTING ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS, IT
27 SHALL BE UNLAWFUL FOR THESE INSTALLATIONS TO BE MAINTAINED IN A
28 HAZARDOUS AND UNSAFE CONDITION, AND IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF
29 THE OWNER OF SUCH INSTALLATIONS TO HAVE THE INSTALLATION CORRECTED
30 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE HARFORD COUNTY ELECTRICAL CODE.

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1 Section 8A-7. Violations and Penalties.

2 Any person in violation of the provisions of this chapter
3 and rules and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto shall be
4 deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof,
5 shall be subject to a fine of not more than one thousand dollars
6 (\$1,000) or imprisonment for a period not exceeding six (6)
7 months, or both. [In addition thereto, the County may institute
8 injunctive mandamus or any other appropriate action or
9 proceedings at law or equity for the enforcement of this chapter
10 or to correct violations of this chapter, and any court of
11 competent jurisdiction shall have the right to issue restraining
12 orders, temporary or permanent injunctions or other appropriate
13 forms of remedy or relief.] IN ADDITION, THE COUNTY MAY INSTITUTE
14 OTHER APPROPRIATE LEGAL ACTIONS FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF THIS
15 CHAPTER.

16 Section 8A-8. Emergency Disconnections.

17 [In cases of emergency] Where any electrical equipment,
18 whether installed before or after the enactment of this chapter,
19 is DETERMINED BY THE DIRECTOR TO BE an immediate threat to the
20 safety of persons or property, or where it may interfere with the
21 fire protection service of any fire department in the County, the
22 Director shall have authority to cause [such] THE electrical
23 equipment to be disconnected immediately [and], without PRIOR
24 notice to the owner [thereof].

25 Section 8A-9. Permit and License Fees.

26 (a) Prior to the issuance of any permit or license as
27 provided for in this chapter, the applicant [therefor] shall pay
28 [to the County] a fee in accordance with the schedule of fees
29 established and revised [from time to time] by the County
30 [Executive and approved by the County Council]. [However,] The
31 fees established for permits and licenses, as required by this
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1 chapter, shall be reasonably calculated [annually] to provide
2 sufficient funds to pay for the cost of administering and
3 enforcing the Electrical Code and the provisions of this chapter.

4 (b) Where no work has been done under a permit issued under
5 this chapter, the holder of the permit may deliver [the same] IT
6 to the department, and upon cancellation thereof, there shall be
7 [refunded to him seventy-five percent (75%)] A FIFTY PERCENT (50%)
8 REFUND of the PERMIT fee, [paid therefor;] provided that
9 application for [such] A refund is made within six months of the
10 issuance of [such] THE permit.

11 Section 8A-10. Definitions.

12 For the purposes of this chapter, the following words and
13 phrases shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them [by
14 this section] .

15 Apprentice Electrician. A person of at least sixteen (16)
16 years of age who is employed by an electrical contractor to
17 work under the supervision of a master or journeyman electrician,
18 and who has been issued an apprentice identification card by the
19 department.

20 Board. The board of electrical examiners [created in Article
21 II of] ESTABLISHED BY this chapter.

22 Department. The Department of Inspections, Licenses and
23 Permits.

24 Director. The [Director] APPOINTED HEAD of the Department of
25 Inspections, Licenses and Permits.

26 Electrical Code. The County Electrical Code, which includes
27 the designated edition of the National Electrical Code as adopted
28 and amended pursuant to this chapter.

29 Electrical Contractor. A person principally engaged in the
30 business of installing, repairing, maintaining and erecting
31 electrical wiring, equipment, apparatus and systems designed for
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1 using or conducting electrical current and coming within the
2 purview of the County Electrical Code.

3 Electrical Equipment. Electrical conductors, raceways,
4 wiring fittings, devices, appliances, fixtures, apparatus and any
5 other equipment coming within the purview of the COUNTY Electrical
6 Code.

7 [Engaged in Business. A person holding himself out of the
8 public to furnish, install, repair or maintain, under verbal or
9 written contract, electrical equipment. Such a contractor, if
10 licensed as a master electrician, limited electrician or
11 restricted electrician, may perform such work himself, or it may
12 be performed by one or more of his employees under such super-
13 vision as may be required by the Electrical Code.]

14 Inspector. An authorized agent of the Department of
15 Inspections, Licenses and permits.

16 Install. The term "install" shall include all installations
17 of electrical equipment or circuits, or any parts thereof,
18 including new work, alterations, renewals or extensions coming
19 within the purview of this chapter [and the National Electrical
20 Code].

21 Journeyman Electrician. A person licensed by the County as
22 qualified to install, repair, maintain and erect electrical
23 wiring, equipment, apparatus and system, [within the purview of]
24 IN ACCORDANCE WITH the Electrical Code, UNDER THE DIRECTION AND
25 SUPERVISION OF A MASTER ELECTRICIAN, including, but not limited
26 to, electrical raceways, conductors, fixtures, signs, motors,
27 switchgears and distribution systems, fixed electric heating
28 systems or any other fixed electrical equipment or apparatus which
29 conducts or consumes electricity[, all such activity being
30 performed while under the direction and supervision of a master
31 electrician]. The term "journeyman electrician" applies only to
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1 that level of technical knowledge required to perform those
2 functions provided for by law.

3 Licensee. Any person to whom a license has been issued
4 under THE PROVISIONS OF this chapter.

5 Limited Electrician. A person licensed by the County as
6 qualified to install, repair and maintain a particular appliance,
7 apparatus, device or fixture [within the purview of] IN ACCORDANCE
8 WITH the Electrical Code, [and] limited to branch circuit wiring
9 for automatic heating furnaces whose principal operation is
10 derived from fuel oil, gas, steam or coal; refrigeration and air
11 conditioning equipment; illuminated signs; and similar speciali-
12 ties.

13 ~~LOW-ENERGY-WIRING--A-LOW-VOLTAGE-OR-AMPERAGE-ELECTRICAL~~
14 ~~SYSTEM-THAT-CONTROLS-REMOTE-CONTROL-DEVICES,-SIGNALING-CIRCUITS,-~~
15 ~~COMMUNICATIONS-SYSTEMS-AND-POWER-LIMITED-CIRCUITS-~~

16 Master Electrician. A person licensed by the County as
17 qualified to install, repair, maintain and erect electrical
18 wiring, equipment, apparatus and systems [within the purview of]
19 IN ACCORDANCE WITH the Electrical Code, including, but not
20 limited to, electrical raceways, conductors, fixtures, signs,
21 motors, switchgears and distribution systems, fixed electric
22 heating systems or any other fixed electrical equipment or
23 apparatus which conducts or consumes electricity.

24 MINOR INSTALLATIONS. CONSISTS OF ONE SINGLE PHASE, 20
25 AMPERE BRANCH CIRCUIT OR LESS, NOT EXCEEDING FIVE RECEPTACLES OR
26 SWITCH OUTLETS INSTALLED IN A RESIDENCE.

27 Minor Repairs. The replacement of existing receptacles,
28 snap switches, lighting fixtures or appliances to restore such
29 equipment to its original state but not to alter or increase the
30 current draw on a branch circuit.

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1 National Electrical Code. The currently designated edition
2 of the National Electrical Code as adopted by law, including
3 appendices and amendments adopted by law.

4 Repair or Maintain. To replace or preserve all existing
5 electrical equipment or circuits[, or any parts thereof, coming
6 within the purview of this chapter and the National Electrical
7 Code].

8 Restricted Electrician. A person licensed by the County as
9 qualified to maintain, repair, renew or replace the electrical
10 wiring and equipment already installed by a master electrician,
11 but in no case shall [he] THE PERSON be allowed to extend or
12 install any new electrical wiring or equipment[, and to do this
13 restricted work in]. THE LICENSE SHALL APPLY ONLY TO a designated
14 place such as a plant, factory or apartment complex that employs
15 maintenance forces.

16 Article II. Board of Electrical Examiners

17 Section SA-11. Composition; Terms of Members; Vacancies;
18 Officers; Compensation.

19 (a) The Board of Electrical Examiners of the County shall
20 consist of five (5) persons for the purpose of examining,
21 regulating and [controlling] MONITORING all persons who are
22 engaged or desire to engage in the business of master electrician,
23 JOURNEYMAN, or limited and restricted types of electricians. The
24 Board shall be appointed by the County Executive, subject to
25 confirmation of the County Council [, and when so appointed,]. THE
26 BOARD shall consist of three (3) master electricians, actually
27 working as such, who are residents of the County and whose
28 principal place of business is located in the County; an architect
29 OR AN ENGINEER who is a resident of the County; [and an engineer
30 who is a resident of the County,] who is a professional
31 [engineer], duly registered and licensed in accordance with the
32 requirements of the state; AND ONE CITIZEN WHO IS A RESIDENT OF

1 THE COUNTY. The members of the Board shall be appointed for terms
2 coterminous with that of the County Executive, and any member may
3 succeed himself in office for one term. In case of vacancies, the
4 County Executive shall make appointments for the remainder of the
5 unexpired term.

6 (b) The chief electrical inspector shall [be an ex officio,
7 nonvoting member of the Board to insure coordination between the
8 Board and the inspection agency.] ACT AS A LIAISON BETWEEN THE
9 DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONS, LICENSES AND PERMITS AND THE BOARD.

10 [(c) The Board shall elect its own chairman, vice chairman
11 and such other officers as it may desire. The vice chairman
12 shall, in the absence of the chairman, assume all the duties and
13 responsibilities of the chairman.]

14 (c) THE BOARD SHALL ELECT ITS OWN CHAIR, VICE CHAIR AND ANY
15 OTHER OFFICERS. THE VICE CHAIR SHALL, IN THE ABSENCE OF THE
16 CHAIR, ASSUME ALL THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CHAIR.

17 (d) This section [shall not be construed to] DOES NOT affect
18 the terms of those members of the Board serving as of [July 22,
19 1977] OCTOBER 1, 1984. All new appointments shall be made in
20 accordance with [its] THESE provisions.

21 (e) Each member of the Board may be compensated for
22 reasonable and necessary expenses at [such] A rate [as] the County
23 [Executive and County Council may] determines.

24 Section 3A-12. Duties Generally; Meetings.

25 (a) The Board shall advise the director on the issuance of
26 licenses for journeyman electricians, master electricians and
27 limited and restricted electricians and shall ascertain by
28 appropriate examination the qualifications and capabilities of
29 all persons who [desire such] REQUEST licenses.
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1 (b) In the case of examination for [specialized] limited
2 licenses, the Board [shall have] HAS the authority to consult or
3 obtain the services of a recognized expert in the field to conduct
4 [such] THE examination. [Compensation for such individuals shall
5 be at the rate established for an individual Board member.

6 (c) The Board shall advise the County Executive on the
7 adoption of proposed rules and regulations to govern their
8 activities regarding all actions of examinations or electricians'
9 licenses.

10 (d)] (c) The Board shall meet at least once each month [in
11 Bel Air] and shall hold such [special] OTHER meetings as the
12 proper and efficient discharge of its business requires.

13 (d) A MAJORITY OF A PROPER QUORUM OF THE BOARD MAY TAKE
14 ACTION ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD.

15 Section 8A-13. Reciprocity.

16 The Board of Electrical Examiners shall certify to the
17 director any applicant as qualified to be licensed without
18 examination by the Board, if [such applicant is currently licensed
19 in another jurisdiction in the state, the qualification
20 procedures of which have been found by the Board to be equivalent
21 to those required for licensing in the County and which grants
22 similar reciprocity to County licensees.] THE APPLICANT IS
23 CURRENTLY LICENSED BY ANOTHER JURISDICTION IN THE STATE OR BY THE
24 STATE ITSELF. THE QUALIFICATION PROCEDURES OF THE OTHER
25 JURISDICTIONS SHALL BE EQUIVALENT TO THOSE REQUIRED FOR LICENSING
26 IN THE COUNTY.

27 Article III. Licenses Generally.

28 Section 8A-14. Applicability of Article; Term of License
29 Dependent Upon Terms of [Bond and] Insurance; Supervision of Work.

30 (a) The licensing provisions contained in this article shall
31 apply to electrical work within the purview of the Electrical Code
32 and shall not apply to a person who installs, repairs or maintains

1 in [his] THAT PERSON'S own single-family residence electrical
2 equipment owned by [him] THAT PERSON and for [his] THE PERSON'S
3 own or immediate family's use; provided, that before performing
4 any such work, [he] THE PERSON shall apply to the director for a
5 permit, where required by this chapter. The director shall
6 require the applicant [to show that the applicant] is qualified to
7 perform [such] THE work in a capable manner, so as not to endanger
8 [the] life and property belonging to public utilities suppliers.
9 If the director finds that the applicant is qualified to perform
10 [such] THE work, a permit will be issued [, subject to compliance
11 with all requirements of this chapter]. No permit shall be
12 required for minor repairs.

13 [(b) The provisions of this article shall not apply to
14 electrical installations or work on equipment installed by and
15 for the use of any public utility company regulated by the State
16 Public Service Commission or to accessory wiring and equipment
17 necessary to operate the generation, transmission and
18 distribution systems.

19 (c) (b) Nothing in the licensing provisions contained in
20 this article shall be construed to exempt any electrical work in
21 the County from complying with the requirements of the County
22 Electrical Code.

23 [(d) Subject to the provisions contained in this chapter,
24 each license and renewal of the same shall be in force and effect
25 only as long as the approved bond that has been filed with the
26 Board in accordance with the provisions of this article shall
27 remain in full force and effect. Every such license or renewal
28 of the same shall become void and of no effect should any bond or
29 insurance contract become inoperative, ineffective or cancelled,
30 regardless of the regular date of expiration of such license.
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1 (e)] (c) Any electrical installation in the County shall be
2 accomplished under the supervision of at least one (1) licensed
3 master or journeyman electrician, EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION
4 (a) ABOVE.

5 Section 8A-15. License Classifications; Prerequisites for
6 Issuance Generally; Investigation of Applicant; Certification;
7 Approval or Denial of Applications; Appeals.

8 (a) There shall be four (4) classes of electricians'
9 licenses, as follows:

- 10 (1) Master electrician.
- 11 (2) Limited electrician.
- 12 (3) Restricted electrician.
- 13 (4) Journeyman electrician.

14 (b) Before the department shall issue or renew an
15 electricians' license, it shall require the applicant to:

16 (1) Provide [it] THE DEPARTMENT with such current
17 information [as it shall require] as to character [references],
18 experience, education and training in or related to the con-
19 struction, maintenance, installation or repair of all types of
20 electrical equipment and apparatus, or in the case of an
21 application for a limited license or restricted license, such
22 information as it relates to the particular type of [installation
23 applied for.] LICENSE REQUESTED. All information [supplied on or
24 with the application] shall be strictly confidential [and shall be
25 treated the same as personnel files].

26 (2) [As determined by the Board, pass] PASS a written or
27 oral examination conducted by the Board predicated upon the
28 standards of the Electrical Code and rules and regulations adopted
29 pursuant thereto.

30 (3) Pay to the County, at the time of filing the
31 application, a nonrefundable fee in the amount as set forth in
32 Section 13-16 of this Code.

1 [(4) Deliver to the County, on prescribed forms
2 furnished by the Board, a bond in the amount of two thousand
3 dollars (\$2,000.00), in the case of a master electrician's
4 license, and one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), in the case of
5 limited or restricted electrician's license. No bond shall be
6 required for a journeyman electrician's license. The bond shall
7 be conditioned upon the faithful performance of all work entered
8 upon or contracted for by the licensee and shall render harmless
9 and indemnify the owner or real party in interest in the
10 property for which any such material is furnished or service
11 performed against loss, damage or injury which shall occur
12 because of lack of skill or because of failure to use suitable
13 or proper material in the performance of any work contracted for
14 or undertaken by any licensee, or his agents and employees.]

15 (4) CARRY GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF
16 ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$100,000) AND PROPERTY DAMAGE
17 INSURANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS
18 (\$300,000). PROOF OF INSURANCE SHALL BE SHOWN PRIOR TO THE
19 ISSUANCE OR THE RENEWAL OF A LICENSE. NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF
20 GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE OR PROPERTY DAMAGE INSURANCE SHALL BE
21 FORWARDED TO THE BOARD WITHIN TEN (10) DAYS OF THE CANCELLATION
22 DATE. INACTIVE LICENSE HOLDERS ARE EXEMPT FROM THIS REQUIREMENT.

23 (c) It [shall be] IS the duty of the director, upon receipt
24 of an application for an electrician's license, to investigate the
25 character, experience, training and education of the applicant and
26 to provide [such] THE information to the Board. [Before the
27 issuance of a license, it shall be the further duty of the
28 director to ascertain from reliable sources the applicant's record
29 of compliance with the laws of the state and the County.]
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1 (d) It [shall be] IS the duty of the Board to certify to the
2 director within sixty (60) days after the date of the applicant's
3 examination whether the applicant is qualified for the license
4 applied for on the basis of [such] AN examination and the
5 OTHER REQUIRED information provided [it by the director].

6 (e) In the case of application for renewal of an existing
7 County electrician's license, it [shall be] IS the duty of the
8 director to withhold issuance of [such] A license upon a finding
9 by the Board that [such] THE licensee has committed acts which are
10 in violation of the provisions of this chapter.

11 (f) All approvals or denials of such applications shall be
12 personally served or mailed by certified mail to the address on
13 the application. Any denial may be appealed to a Board of
14 Arbitration, which shall consist of one (1) person selected by
15 the person making the appeal, one (1) person selected by the
16 Board and a third person person to be selected by these two (2);
17 and the decision of the Board of Arbitration, or a majority of
18 its members, shall be final and binding upon all the parties [to
19 the appeal].

20 (g) In all instances where there is a requirement that an
21 applicant for a license meet a preliminary time provision, it IS
22 [shall be] the duty and responsibility of the applicant to provide
23 statements of service and supervision of the persons under whom
24 [he was to have served or have been supervised by. Such
25 statements shall be signed under oath by the applicant and the
26 person certifying to the period of service.] THE APPLICANT SERVED.
27 THE STATEMENTS SHALL BE SIGNED UNDER OATH BY THE APPLICANT AND
28 THE CERTIFYING PERSON.

1 Section 8A-16. Eligibility Requirements - Master Electrician's
2 License.

3 (a) Any person who desires to install, repair, maintain or
4 erect electrical equipment as a master electrician may at any
5 time make application to the director to be examined [, and the
6 director shall provide the applicant with the prescribed forms].

7 (b) An applicant for examination for a master electrician's
8 license shall have been regularly and principally employed or
9 engaged as a journeyman electrician in electrical construction,
10 maintenance, installation and repair of all types of electrical
11 equipment and apparatus [, all coming within the purview of and
12 subject to all provisions of this chapter], for a period of not
13 less than three (3) years , FOLLOWING CERTIFICATION AS A
14 JOURNEYMAN ELECTRICIAN AND preceding the date of [his] THE
15 application, under the direction and supervision of a master
16 electrician. The Board may substitute a formal course of study
17 and training in electrical installation completed at a trade
18 school or other educational institution for experience, if in the
19 opinion of the Board, such training provided comparable
20 experience to that attainable under the supervision of a master
21 electrician.

22 Section 8A-17. Eligibility Requirements - Limited Electrician's
23 License.

24 (a) Any person who desires to install, repair, maintain and
25 erect electrical equipment as a limited electrician may at any
26 time make application to the director to be examined [, and the
27 director shall provide the applicant with the prescribed forms].

28 (b) An applicant may be licensed under this section for a
29 particular type of electrical installation or may be licensed for
30 all types or as many types of limited electrical installations as
31 defined in this chapter for which [he] THE APPLICANT shall be
32 found qualified by the Board. [He] THE APPLICANT shall have been

1 regularly and principally employed for three (3) years preceding
2 application in [his] THE APPLICANT'S area of limitation. The type
3 of limited licenses shall be set forth in regulations promulgated
4 by the County[, as set forth in this Chapter, upon recommendation
5 by the Board]. Particular license classifications shall include,
6 [without limiting,] BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, licenses for electrical
7 connections and circuits to air conditioning elevators, gasoline
8 pumps, automatic heating furnaces whose principal operation is
9 derived from fuel oil, gas, steam or coal, illuminated signs and
10 similar specialities.

11 Section 8A-18. Eligibility Requirements - Restricted
12 Electrician's License.

13 (a) Any person who desires to maintain, repair, renew or
14 replace electrical wiring or equipment as a restricted
15 electrician may at any time make application to the director to
16 be examined[, and the director shall provide the applicant with
17 the prescribed forms].

18 (b) An applicant may be licensed under this section only as
19 to a particular place which will be noted on the license
20 certificate. [He] THE APPLICANT shall have been regularly and
21 principally employed or engaged in electrical construction or
22 maintenance for three (3) years preceding application for this
23 license. Additional provisions concerning restricted licenses
24 shall be set forth in regulations promulgated by the County [, as
25 set forth in this chapter, upon recommendation by the Board].

26 Section 8A-19. Eligibility Requirements - Journeyman
27 Electrician's License.

28 (a) Any person who desires to install, repair, maintain or
29 erect electrical equipment as a journeyman electrician may at any
30 time make application to the director to be examined[, and the
31 director shall provide the applicant with the prescribed forms].
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1 (b) An applicant for examination for a journeyman elec-
2 trician's license shall have been regularly and principally
3 employed or engaged in electrical construction, maintenance,
4 installation and repair of all types of electrical equipment and
5 apparatus, [all coming within the purview and subject to all
6 provisions of this chapter,] for a period of not less than [one
7 (1) year] FOUR (4) YEARS under the supervision of a master
8 electrician or equivalent work experience acceptable to the
9 Electrical Board.

10 Section 8A-20. Examinations.

11 (a) The written and/or oral examination conducted by the
12 Board for the master electrician's, limited electrician's,
13 restricted electrician's or journeyman electrician's license shall
14 be based upon standards of the County Electrical Code.

15 (b) In order to qualify as having passed such examination,
16 the applicant shall receive a grade constituting at least
17 [seventy-five percent (75%)] SEVENTY PERCENT (70%) of the total
18 possible point credits in the examination.

19 (c) The use of any unauthorized material or cheating by an
20 applicant during [his] AN examination shall cause the immediate
21 rejection of [his] AN application and bar [him] AN APPLICANT from
22 reexamination for six (6) months.

23 (d) Regular examination periods shall be held at least
24 three (3) times each year at intervals of not greater than four
25 (4) months. Written notice of the date, hour and place of
26 examination shall be mailed to each eligible applicant at least
27 [ten (10)] TWENTY (20) days prior to the date of the examination.

28 (e) Any applicant who fails to pass any examination shall
29 be afforded an opportunity to take a reexamination. Any person
30 taking [such] a reexamination shall apply to the director for
31 permission to do so and shall pay the required fee. [An applicant
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1 who has failed an examination shall not be entitled to
2 reexamination until the following periods have elapsed from the
3 date of the previous examination:

4 (1) Not less than three (3) months after the first
5 examination.

6 (2) Not less than six (6) months after the second
7 examination.

8 (3) Not less than twelve (12) months after the third
9 and succeeding examinations.]

10 (f) All written examinations and applicant records
11 pertaining thereto shall be stored under secured conditions
12 within the department and shall be available for inspection upon A
13 request made to the Board by the applicant for a period of six
14 (6) months after the date of the examination.

15 (g) The fee for examination for any class of license issued
16 under this article and the fees for issuance and renewal of all
17 classes of licenses authorized in this article shall be set forth
18 in Section 13-16 of [this] THE HARTFORD COUNTY Code.

19 Section 8A-21. Term; Payment of Fee; Continuation of Business or
20 Work by Person other than Person Who Qualified; Assignment,
21 Transfer and Renewal; Inactive Licenses.

22 (a) All licenses issued pursuant to this article shall
23 expire on April 30 of each year, and renewals thereafter shall be
24 effective May 1 through April 30 of each year. Applicants for
25 licenses and renewals [thereof] shall pay to the County a fee for
26 a master electrician's license, limited electrician's license,
27 journeyman electrician's license and restricted electrician's
28 license as provided for by the County fee schedule. AFTER MAY 1,
29 A PERSON, FIRM, OR CORPORATION SHALL NOT ENGAGE OR HOLD THEMSELVES
30 OUT AS A MASTER, LIMITED, OR RESTRICTED ELECTRICIAN UNLESS THE
31 LICENSE HAS BEEN RENEWED OR RESTORED. IF APPLICATION FOR THE
32 RESTORATION IS MADE WITHIN NINETY (90) DAYS AFTER APRIL 30, A

LICENSE WHICH EXPIRES BECAUSE OF FAILURE TO RENEW PRIOR TO MAY 1
SHALL BE RESTORED ONLY ON THE PAYMENT OF THE RENEWAL FEE AND THE
RESTORATION FEE. IF THE APPLICATION FOR RESTORATION IS NOT MADE
WITHIN THE NINETY (90) DAY PERIOD AFTER EXPIRATION, A RENEWAL MAY
NOT BE ISSUED AND THE BOARD MAY REQUIRE COMPLIANCE BY EXAMINATION
BEFORE REISSUANCE, AS IF THE APPLICANT HAD NEVER BEEN LICENSED.

(b) No person shall be denied the privilege of continuing a
contract business or maintenance or repair work in the event of
death, illness or other physical disability of the master
electrician, limited electrician or restricted electrician who
qualified the person for such license, for a period not exceeding
one hundred twenty (120) days following the date of such death,
illness or physical disability; provided, that such business,
maintenance or repair work is conducted under such qualified
supervision as the Board deems adequate and that all requirements
concerning [bonds and business] insurance are first complied with
and the department is notified promptly by the licensee upon such
death, illness or physical disability.

(c) A person shall be allowed to continue a business or to
perform maintenance and repair work for a period not exceeding
ninety (90) days should the master electrician, limited electrician
or restricted electrician who qualified the person for such
license terminate his services therefrom; provided, that [such]
business, maintenance or repair work is conducted under such
qualified supervision as the Board deems adequate and that both of
the following requirements are met:

(1) All [bonding; and] insurance requirements are
complied with.

(2) The master electrician, limited electrician or
restricted electrician who qualified shall notify the Board in
writing within five (5) days after [terminating his] TERMINATION
OF services [therewith]; or the person wishing to continue such

1 business or work shall notify the Board in writing within five (5)
2 days after such master electrician, limited electrician or
3 restricted electrician has terminated [his] services.

4 (d) No license issued under this chapter shall be assigned
5 or transferred.

6 (e) No license shall be renewed for any person until all of
7 the requirements of this chapter have been [complied with] MET.

8 (f) A licensee may, by notifying the Board in writing,
9 declare [his] A license inactive. During the period such license
10 remains inactive, the yearly renewal fee as required by the County
11 shall be paid. [Bonding] INSURANCE required by this chapter shall
12 be waived for the period such license remains inactive. No
13 license shall be deemed inactive unless all work for which permits
14 have been issued has been completed and has received final
15 inspection and approval by the department.

16 (g) The director shall keep a register of all licenses
17 placed on or removed from inactive status and of any master
18 electrician, limited electrician or restricted electrician who
19 changes [his] AN affiliation as a qualifying representative of any
20 person. A license placed on the inactive list may be returned to
21 active status upon certification by the Board and upon proper
22 notification and application in writing by the licensee [to the
23 department]. All requirements of this article shall be complied
24 with before such license shall be restored to active status [by
25 the department].

26 (h) Subject to the provisions of Section 8A-24, the
27 department may renew licenses under this chapter to any applicant
28 who, on July 22, 1977, held an existing County electrician's
29 license.

1 Section 8A-22. Display; Identification Cards; Duplicate
2 Licenses.

3 (a) Each holder of a license issued under this chapter shall
4 display the license in a prominent place at [his] THE LICENSEE'S
5 business location and upon demand shall give the number of the
6 license to any inspector of the department.

7 (b) All holders of master electrician, limited electrician,
8 restricted electrician and journeyman electrician licenses shall
9 have identification cards issued by the department in their
10 possession at all times while performing electrical work within
11 the County and shall display the same, upon request, to
12 authorized department personnel.

13 (c) If a license is lost, defaced or destroyed, a licensee
14 in good standing may obtain a duplicate, upon filing an
15 application to the director and paying the cost of replacement.

16 Section 8A-23. Apprentice Identification Cards.

17 (a) Any person who desires to be registered with the County
18 as being engaged in a program of apprenticeship [in connection
19 with his employment with a licensed electrical contractor,] may at
20 any time make application to the director on forms provided by the
21 department.

22 (b) The department, upon [payment] RECEIPT of a nonre-
23 fundable fee as set forth in the County fee schedule, shall issue
24 to the applicant an apprentice identification card, renewable
25 annually, and shall require that records be kept regarding the
26 nature of the electrical work being performed by the apprentice
27 electrician.

1 Section 8A-24. Revocation, Suspension or Refusal to Renew;
2 hearing; Authority of Board to Order Reexamination; Appeals to
3 County Council.

4 [(a) The Board may suspend, revoke or refuse to renew any
5 license issued under this chapter if the holder has secured such
6 license by misrepresentation; failed to maintain the
7 qualifications required by this chapter; demonstrated a lack of
8 competence inconsistent with retention of the license; engaged in
9 fraudulent business activities or in misleading advertising of
10 products or services; violated the provisions of this chapter
11 requiring permits; committed an act of gross negligence or
12 condoned such an act by an employee; permitted any unlicensed or
13 unauthorized person to obtain a certificate or permit or perform
14 electrical work under the authority of his license; or failed to
15 be available to supervise electrical work in accordance with this
16 chapter.

17 (b) Before ordering the revocation or suspension of an
18 existing electrician's license or the disapproval of any
19 application to renew such license, the Board shall afford the
20 licensee an opportunity for a hearing before the Board to show
21 cause why the license should not be suspended or revoked or
22 renewal denied. The Board shall give at least ten (10) days'
23 written notice to the licensee by certified mail or personal
24 service at the last address on file with the director and such
25 notice shall state the complaint and alleged violation.

26 (1) The Board shall provide for

27 a. A hearing afforded to the licensees.

28 b. The right of the licensee to be represented by
29 counsel and present evidence on his behalf.

30 c. If the Board orders a suspension, revocation or
31 denial of application for renewal, specific written findings of
32 the cause why the suspension, revocation or denial is ordered.

1 (c) The Board may require at any time that a master
2 electrician, limited electrician, restricted electrician, or
3 journeyman electrician be reexamined for good cause; and if such
4 licensee fails to pass the reexamination, his license or
5 licenses may be revoked. A person whose electrician's license has
6 been revoked shall become eligible after ninety (90) days have
7 elapsed from the date of revocation to apply for a new license.
8 Such application shall be considered a new application and shall
9 be submitted pursuant to the provisions of this chapter.

10 (d) Any person to whom a license has been denied or whose
11 license has been revoked or suspended or any such person who
12 believes himself aggrieved by any action of the Board or director
13 may appeal to the County Council by filing a notice of such
14 appeal with the secretary of the County Council within ten (10)
15 days from the date of receipt of notice of the action of the
16 Board or director. Notice of action of the Board or director
17 shall be personally served or be mailed by certified mail to the
18 last address on file with the Board.]

19 (a) THE BOARD MAY SUSPEND OR REVOKE THE LICENSE OF A MASTER
20 ELECTRICIAN, LIMITED ELECTRICIAN, RESTRICTED ELECTRICIAN,
21 JOURNEYMAN ELECTRICIAN, AFTER A PUBLIC HEARING CONDUCTED IN
22 ACCORDANCE WITH THE BOARD'S RULES AND REGULATIONS, IF THE BOARD
23 FINDS THE ELECTRICIAN:

24 (1) OBTAINED A LICENSE BY FALSE OR FRAUDULENT
25 REPRESENTATION;

26 (2) TRANSFERRED THE AUTHORITY GRANTED BY THE LICENSE
27 TO ANOTHER PERSON;

28 (3) ENGAGED IN UNFAIR OR DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES AS
29 DEFINED IN COMMERCIAL LAW ARTICLE, SECTION 13-301 OF THE
30 ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, AS AMENDED;

31 (4) WILLFULLY OR DELIBERATELY DISREGARDED OR VIOLATED
32 BUILDING CODES OR ELECTRICAL CODES.

1 (5) AIDED OR ABETTED ANY PERSON TO EVADE ANY PROVISIONS
2 OF THIS CHAPTER;

3 (5) KNOWINGLY COMBINED OR CONSPIRED WITH ANY PERSON, BY
4 ALLOWING A LICENSE TO BE USED BY ANY UNLICENSED PERSON, FIRM, OR
5 CORPORATION, WITH INTENT TO EVADE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS
6 SUBTITLE; ALLOWING A LICENSE TO BE USED BY MORE THAN ONE PERSON,
7 FIRM, OR CORPORATION, CONSTITUTES PRIMA FACIE EVIDENCE OF AN
8 INTENT TO EVADE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CHAPTER.

9 (7) WILLFULLY OR DELIBERATELY DISREGARDED DISCIPLINARY
10 ACTION TAKEN BY THE COUNTY;

11 (8) FAILED IN ANY MATERIAL RESPECT TO COMPLY WITH THIS
12 CHAPTER;

13 (9) FAILED TO ADEQUATELY TRAIN AND CONTROL PERSONS
14 WORKING UNDER THE MASTER ELECTRICIAN'S SUPERVISION.

15 (10) VIOLATED THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CHAPTER REGARDING
16 PERMITS.

17 (b) THE BOARD MAY IMPOSE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING DISCIPLINARY
18 ACTIONS:

19 a. SUSPEND THE LICENSE OF THE LICENSEE FROM ALL
20 OPERATIONS AS AN ELECTRICIAN FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE (1) YEAR.

21 b. THE BOARD MAY PERMIT THE LICENSEE TO COMPLETE
22 ANY CONTRACT UNCOMPLETED AT THE TIME OF SUSPENSIONS;

23 c. REVOKE A LICENSE.

24 d. THE BOARD, ON REQUEST FOR REINSTATEMENT, SHALL
25 CONDUCT A HEARING ON THE REQUEST AND MAKE A DETERMINATION AS
26 PROVIDED UNDER THIS CHAPTER AND ITS RULES AND REGULATIONS.

27 (c) THE LAPSE OR SUSPENSION OF A LICENSE BY OPERATION OF
28 LAW OR BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OR A COURT, OR ITS VOLUNTARY
29 SURRENDER BY A LICENSE HOLDER, DOES NOT DEPRIVE THE BOARD OF
30 JURISDICTION TO INVESTIGATE OR ACT IN DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS
31 AGAINST THE LICENSE HOLDER.

1 (d) THE LOCAL BOARD SHALL INFORM THE STATE BOARD OR
2 BUILDING OFFICIALS OF THE NAMES OF THOSE WHOSE LICENSES HAVE BEEN
3 SUSPENDED, REVOKED, OR REINSTATED WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS OF SUCH
4 ACTION.

5 Article IV. Permits Generally.

6 Section 8A-25. Required; Application; Contents.

7 (a) Required. Except as provided in Section 8A-1, no
8 electrical equipment which is subject to the provisions of this
9 chapter shall be installed until a permit [therefor] has been
10 issued by the department.

11 (b) Application. All applications for permits shall be in
12 writing and [in such] ON forms [as may be] prescribed by the
13 department. All applications, except those by homeowners pursuant
14 to Section 8A-14, shall be signed by a master electrician, limited
15 electrician or restricted electrician. Each application shall
16 describe the work to be done and the location [thereof] and shall
17 be accompanied by [such] plans, specifications and schedules [as
18 shall be] THAT ARE necessary to determine whether the installation
19 will [be in conformity with] CONFORM TO the provisions of this
20 chapter.

21 (c) Contents; Compliance; Expiration Upon Noncommencement
22 of Work. Each permit shall describe with particularity the
23 installation to be done thereunder, and no person shall install
24 any electrical equipment other than in accordance with the
25 permit. All permits shall expire and be null and void unless the
26 work authorized thereunder is commenced within six (6) months
27 from the date of issuance; provided, that the department may upon
28 good cause shown, extend a permit one or more times for periods
29 not exceeding sixty (60) days. ALL PERMITS SHALL EXPIRE ONE (1)
30 YEAR AFTER THE LAST KNOWN WORK HAS BEEN COMPLETED.
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1 [(d) Repairs Exempted. No permit shall be required to
2 repair portable electrical equipment or lighting fixtures, or to
3 repair or replace sockets, receptacles or snap switches, or to
4 make other minor repairs at existing outlets, or to repair
5 motors, or to replace motors no larger than one horsepower and of
6 the same horsepower rating.]

7 (d) EXEMPT WORK. NO PERMIT SHALL BE REQUIRED FOR MINOR
8 REPAIRS OR MINOR INSTALLATIONS AS DEFINED IN 8A-10 OF THIS
9 CHAPTER WHEN THE INSTALLATION IS DONE BY A MASTER ELECTRICIAN.
10 Section 8A-26. Emergency Work.

11 When necessary to make emergency repairs or replacements to
12 electrical installations or to make branch circuit extensions for
13 switches, receptacles or the like, incidental to such emergency
14 work, such work may be done without a permit; provided, that the
15 person doing the same shall first inform the department, either
16 orally or in writing, at the time of such emergency, giving [his
17 name and address and] the address where the work is to be done,
18 the nature thereof and when it is to be started. Such person
19 shall file an application for a permit covering such emergency
20 work on the first business day following the [performance
21 thereof] EMERGENCY.

22 Section 8A-27. Temporary Installations.

23 A temporary permit shall be required in connection with
24 electrical equipment installed for a temporary use for a period
25 not to exceed six (6) months. [Such] A permit may be extended
26 for an additional period of six (6) months by the department.

27 Article V. Inspections.

28 Section 8A-28. Notice Upon Completion of Work and Inspection of
29 Installations Generally.

30 Upon the completion of an installation regulated by this
31 chapter, it shall be unlawful for the holder of a permit issued
32 hereunder to fail to notify the department of [such] THE

1 completion. The department shall [cause the installation to be
2 inspected] INSPECT THE INSTALLATION within forty-eight (48) hours
3 of [such] THE notice, exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays and
4 holidays, or as soon thereafter as IS practicable.

5 Section 8A-29. Covered Installations.

6 (a) When any part of an installation regulated by this
7 chapter is to be hidden from view by the permanent placement of
8 part of a building, the person making the installation shall
9 notify the department, and such installation shall not be
10 concealed until it has been inspected and approved by the
11 department; provided, that on large installations where the
12 concealment of electrical equipment proceeds continuously; the
13 person installing the same shall give the department notice
14 thereof so that inspections may be made periodically during the
15 progress of the work.

16 (b) The department shall have the authority to remove, or
17 require the removal of, any structure that prevents proper
18 inspection of any electrical equipment.

19 Section 8A-30. Industrialized Buildings.

20 The inspection of industrialized buildings by inspectors of
21 the department may be required from time to time in accordance
22 with this Code where such structures have not been approved by an
23 acceptable inspection agency.

24 Section 8A-31. Cut-in Certificate.

25 (a) No electrical light or power company shall supply
26 electricity or power to any electrical equipment for the
27 installation of which a permit is required under this chapter,
28 and no person shall connect any [such] electrical equipment to a
29 supply of electricity or power, except in accordance with a
30 cut-in certificate issued by the department.

1 (b) If, after the inspection, the department finds the
2 installation to be in conformity with the provisions of this
3 chapter, it shall issue a cut-in certificate [therefor],
4 authorizing the use of the installation and its connection to the
5 supply of electricity and power, and shall send [such] certificate
6 to the electric light or power company supplying [the same]
7 ELECTRICITY. [Such] THE certificates may be issued for an entire
8 installation or A part [thereof].

9 (c) Temporary cut-in certificates shall be issued for
10 temporary installations authorized pursuant to Section 8A-26, and
11 [such] THE certificates shall set forth their expiration date,
12 shall expire upon [such] THAT date unless extended and shall be
13 cancelled by the director at any time if the installation is not
14 maintained [by this chapter] IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COUNTY
15 ELECTRICAL CODE.

16 Section 8A-32. Defective Installations and Equipment.

17 (a) If, upon inspection, any installation for which a permit
18 is required under this chapter is found to be in violation of the
19 provisions of this chapter, the department shall notify the holder
20 of the permit of the nature of such violation in writing, and the
21 [same] VIOLATION shall be corrected within the time limit
22 specified on the notice.

23 (b) If the director finds that any electrical equipment
24 installed before or after the enactment of this chapter is
25 dangerous to persons or property because of [being defective or
26 improperly used or installed, he] DEFECTS OR IMPROPER USE OR
27 INSTALLATION, THE DIRECTOR shall notify the owner or lessee of
28 the property in writing, setting forth the nature of such
29 dangerous condition, and [such] THE person shall make such changes
30 or repairs as are necessary to put [such] THE equipment in a safe
31 condition within [such] A period [as may be] specified by the
32 director.

1 (c) Upon failure of any person to comply with a notice
2 issued pursuant to this section, the director shall revoke any
3 permit which has been issued for the installation of [such] THE
4 equipment, shall not issue any cut-in certificate or shall revoke
5 any [such] certificate which has been previously issued.

6 (d) If the equipment or installation is connected to a
7 supply of electricity or power, the director shall have the
8 authority to disconnect [the same], and THE DIRECTOR shall send
9 notice to the electric light or power company to discontinue its
10 supply of electricity or power to [such] THE equipment or
11 installation, and [such] THE supply of electricity or power shall
12 be terminated within twenty-four (24) hours of the receipt of
13 [such] notice without liability [therefor] on the part of such
14 electric light or power company.

15 Article VI. Standards and Requirements for Installation of
16 Electrical Equipment.

17 Section 8A-33. Generally.

18 (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to install
19 electrical equipment not having the certification of an
20 inspection authority approved by the department.

21 (b) The standards and requirements of this chapter shall be
22 based upon the currently designated edition of the National
23 Electrical Code and amendments thereto as adopted by law and are
24 hereby declared to be minimum standards and requirements. Any
25 electrical equipment or installation which is equal or superior
26 to such standards and requirements shall be deemed to be in
27 compliance [therewith].

28 [(c) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter,
29 conformity of installations of electrical equipment with such
30 Electrical Code and regulations adopted pursuant to this chapter
31 shall be prima facie evidence that such installations are
32 reasonably safe to persons and property.]

1 Section 8A-34. Mobile Homes, Prefabricated or Modular Dwellings.

2 (a) The department may inspect mobile homes, prefabricated
3 or modular dwellings or buildings or other such structures
4 intended for sale or use in the County at the place of
5 manufacture and prior to the concealment of electrical
6 installations in any [such] mobile homes or prefabricated or
7 modular dwellings, by means of a qualified inspector employed by
8 the County. Prior to concealment of electrical installations by
9 the manufacturer, the inspector shall issue a letter of
10 acceptance for those installations visible to and approved by the
11 inspector.

12 (b) Those mobile homes, prefabricated or modular dwellings
13 or buildings or other [such] structures not inspected prior to
14 concealment of electrical installations shall be accepted for only
15 those electrical installations visible to and approved by the
16 inspector at the time of inspection, and [such] THE approval, if
17 granted, shall be indicated in a letter of acceptance from the
18 department.

19 (c) As an alternative to the procedure prescribed by
20 Subsection (a) or (b) above, the manufacturer may request
21 inspection by Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc., or certification
22 by a state approved inspection agency such as Underwriters'
23 Laboratories, Inc., to assure that electrical installations
24 conform to the standards and requirements of the County Electrical
25 Code. Such inspection shall be sufficient evidence of compliance
26 with the provisions of this section; except, that County
27 inspection shall be required when installation is accomplished at
28 the home site.

29 (d) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require
30 the inspection of electrical installations in mobile homes,
31 prefabricated or modular dwellings or buildings or other
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1 structures by the County, nor shall anything herein be construed
2 to limit the right to inspection conferred by any other section
3 or chapter of this Code or other applicable law.

4 ~~Section 2. -- And Be It Further Enacted, that this act shall take~~
5 ~~effect sixty (60) calendar days from the date it becomes law.~~

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, THAT THIS ACT IS HEREBY
7 DECLARED TO BE AN EMERGENCY ACT, NECESSARY FOR BONDING AND
8 INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSEES AND FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH,
9 SAFETY, AND WELFARE; AND THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT ON THE DATE IT
10 BECOMES LAW.

11 EFFECTIVE: March 7, 1985

BY THE COUNCIL

BILL NO. 85-1 (as amended)

Read the third time.

Passed LSD 85-6 (March 5, 1985) (with amendments)

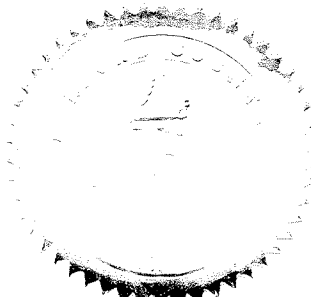
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By order

Angela Markowski, Secretary

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive
for his approval this 6th day of March, 19 85
at 3:00 o'clock P.M.

Angela Markowski, Secretary



BY THE EXECUTIVE

APPROVED:

[Signature]
County Executive
Date 3-7-85

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill (No. 85-1, as amended), having been approved by
the Executive and returned to the Council, becomes law on
March 7, 1985.

Angela Markowski, Secretary

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 7, 1985